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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the East and West, but higher in the Midwest when compared to a week earlier. The undertone ranged from steady to firm at prevailing price levels. Demand generally improved in all areas and was noted as fair to good. Although, additional movement was reported where specials were either planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes were in a better position than mid-week. In the parts structure, b/s breast in late week trading was in close balance to short with prices trending higher. Other items were usually sufficient but ranged from available to short. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to occasionally light.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/28/03-08/01/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
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Delivered to First Receivers

Chicago	53.00-56.00	52.00-64.00	55.98	23
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Los Angeles	73.00			
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New York	58.00-61.00			
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Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.00-68.50	50.00-70.00	67.25	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
893	60.20-69.67	67.37

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.00	1,269
BREASTS - B/S	198.00	5,042
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50	1,748
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.00	933
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	8,436
WINGS	72.50	2,969

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MIDWEST Preliminary majority delivered prices for next week into the Chicago area were 1 cent higher from Monday's final majority prices. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady, instances firm. Additional offerings, though adequate for immediate trade needs were somewhat limited and held with confidence. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Food service movement was slow to moderate for the most part, instances fairly good into resorts and some fast food outlets. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts offerings were light to moderate. Market activity was spotty and selective; inquiry centered on processor to processor sales for current production and out front orders on boneless/skinless breasts. The market tone was steady to firm on boneless/skinless breasts and steady on remaining parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was reported in a full range but usually moderate to good. Supplies of all sizes were clearing. In the parts structure, movement was good to very good on b/s breast due in part to planned feature, interest also improved on tenders. Wings were in close balanced, but generally sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat was irregular with good interest noted on leg quarters for export. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable to occasionally light weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was fair to moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes remained sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were in very good balance. Bone-in breasts were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient.

WESTERN The preliminary majority prices for next week unchanged from last Fridays' level. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to somewhat higher on new negotiations. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best for whole body and parts where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts with boneless breast noted in the strongest position.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona - whole body 47-89, whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 249-399, boneless breast tenders 249, split breast 199-229, split breast 4# bag IQF 599, boneless thigh meat 4# bag IQF 599, thigh 99, thigh 4# bag IQF 299, drumstick 99, leg quarter 47;

Northern California - whole cut-up 139, boneless breast 399, boneless thigh meat 249, split breast range free 359, split breast 99-149, leg quarter 99, thigh 99, drumstick 99;

Southern California - whole body 77-139, whole cut-up 87-139, roaster 139, Cornish hen marinated 199, Cornish hen 97-98, Cornish hen 6 count case 1198, Cornish hen 12 count case 1898, boneless breast 299-399, boneless breast steak 449, boneless breast tender 199, boneless breast tender or fillets 3# bag IQF 698, boneless thigh meat 3# bag IQF 498, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless leg meat 89-129, boneless leg meat marinated 158-199, split breast 97-169, split breast 4# bag IQF 598, wing 5# bag IQF 598 and 4# bag IQF 398, wing drumette 3# bag IQF 598, wing 87-119, leg quarter marinated 99, leg quarter 10# bag 390-490, thigh 59-129, thigh 4# IQF 268, drumstick 59-129, drumstick 4# IQF 268, combo pack [split breast/leg quarter/thigh] 128, gizzard 59, (food service deli section fried - drumstick and thigh 12 piece 499, 50 piece 1699, 100 piece 3399, 150 piece 5099; mixed 8 piece 499-599, 50 piece 2399, 100 piece 4799, 150 piece 7199).

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued to improve and was generally noted as better than expected for the last part on the month. Seller offerings were well balanced and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable. Processor schedules included some spot operations on Saturday and were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly boneless/skinless were generally well cleared. Leg cuts continued to clear satisfactorily. Wings were irregularly balanced and at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.62
NO. OF BOXES	8,251
CUMULATIVE	61.89
	53.19
NO. OF BOXES	42,205
	42,348

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JULY 24					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS					JULY 25	
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG		POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE				(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	900	155.00-235.00	162-165	163.43		875	160.00-235.00	164-168	171.36	4,323	161.09
TENDERLOINS	225	135.00-212.00	144-147	149.57		220	135.00-212.00	141-147	150.58	1,107	150.21
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	92.00-111.00	93-95	95.55		110	92.00-111.00	93-95	96.95	471	94.56
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				360	80.90
LEGS	123	29.00-49.00	30-32	32.25		91	30.00-49.00	30-32	33.45	553	32.60
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	24.00-27.00	25	25.00		680	23.00-27.00	25	24.76	3,138	24.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	25.00-33.00	27-29	27.69		1,300	18.00-33.00	27-29	26.62	5,341	27.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	54.00-76.00	-	72.02		276	54.00-76.00	-	72.02	1,389	72.23
WINGS (CUT)	485	71.00-82.00	75-77	76.22		387	71.00-82.00	74-77	75.85	2,247	75.98
DRUMSTICKS	68	49.00-60.00	-	50.29		68	49.00-60.00	-	50.29	342	49.30
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				131	49.82
B/S THIGHS	55	67.00-85.00	-	73.55		55	67.00-85.00	-	73.55	415	74.79
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR JULY 24, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.						TRADING FOR JULY 25, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					
	RANGE		AVERAGE				RANGE		AVERAGE		5-DAY
	50.00 - 56.00		53.37				51.50 - 56.00		53.84		52.99

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend but was mostly moderate overall. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were balanced. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone remained fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JULY 24								JULY 25	
ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD		CURRENT NEG		WTD		WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	165-170	166.83	580,080		165-170	167.12	555,855	167.02	2,770,075
TENDERLOINS	140	136.69	125,320		140	130.83	265,280	135.46	740,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	88.69	213,800		84-85	88.76	266,994	88.34	1,152,634
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	83.58	136,880		84	82.68	96,800	83.82	434,880
LEGS	37-38	37.22	294,360		37-38	36.31	324,440	36.63	1,382,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.34	411,912		25-26	26.44	490,753	26.68	2,215,476
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	38.85	86,060		33-34	38.68	146,630	37.60	781,660
THIGHS	26-27	36.93	65,690		26-27	37.59	63,660	37.72	303,930
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.33	97,560		69-70	71.83	86,680	73.09	462,470
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63	71.17	132,950		62-63	68.32	227,920	68.75	927,980
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.38	37,760		10-12	12.02	26,160	12.16	167,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.50	12,360		25-30	25.07	15,560	21.00	145,485
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.59	15,120		35-40	40.74	23,160	40.58	102,370
INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.									
** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.									

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	07/25	07/24	07/23	07/22	07/23	07/22	07/18	07/16	
ALA	4,086	4,090	3,864	4,021	5.16	5.14	3,939	5.15	
ARK	5,203	5,075	5,011	4,884	4.95	4.93	5,319	4.83	
DELMARVA	2,385	2,315	2,290	2,065	5.33	5.47	2,208	5.26	
KY-LA-TN	2,144	1,973	1,908	1,940	4.70	4.75	2,316	4.73	
MISS	2,837	3,113	3,006	3,096	5.31	5.35	2,738	5.37	
NC	2,628	2,641	2,536	2,659	6.05	5.88	2,920	5.93	
TEXAS	2,649	2,480	2,442	2,443	5.03	5.05	2,587	5.02	
TOTAL	21,932	21,687	21,057	20,863	5.20	5.19	22,027	5.16	
MON-FRI	107,688 (A)				106,980(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Jul 03 and 26-Jul-03 is estimated to be 32,813,000 down 0.73 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 33,054,000; last year 31,927,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 26-Jul-03 is estimated to be 155,542 ,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and down 4 percent from a year ago
(Last week 157,206,000 Last year 161,236,000)

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS		91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP		80-95
HENS UNDER 5#		
HENS OVER 5#		63
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
<u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107-108
	ICE PACK	100-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	
DUCKS		155-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 12-Jul-03 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	18,022	17,412	31,731
Avg Weight	3.89	4.81	6.14
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

COMPARISONS

Last week	26,710	22,277	39,430
Avg Weight	3.88	4.86	6.05
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,164	17,826	44,724
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.28
% of total /1	29%	20%	50%

To date/2003	683,255	637,785	1,273,182
To date/2002	801,114	670,290	1,292,509

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 19-Jul-2003
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	157,206	1,141	1,642	2,783	405
AVG WT	5.14	3.62	8.11	6.27	6.52
LAST WEEK	159,849	1,153	1,515	2,668	347
SAME WK YR AGO	159,974	1,589	1,576	3,165	443
AVG WT	5.01	3.51	7.85	5.67	6.33
TO-DATE/2003	4,409,867	46,181	39,648	85,829	11,993
TO-DATE/2002	4,475,549	51,299	38,964	90,263	12,524

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.1 million head or 1.7 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 22, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .70	Banty Roosters 3.00 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.50 - .70	Banty Hens 2.50 - 3.25ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 5.50ea.	Silkie 2.75 - 5.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .70	Geese 9-14 LBS .65
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .80	Pigeons 2.85 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .90	White Pigeons 3.75 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 4-6 LBS .90 - 1.06
4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.50	Rabbits 6-9 LBS .80 - .90
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies 1.00 - 3.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.45 - .60	Guinea Pigs 3.00 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	3.00 - 5.75ea.	Doves 3.00 - 4.75ea.
Leghorn Roosters	2.85 - 3.25ea.	Total Coops Sold 490

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 21-JUL-2003
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	140	146
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	124-128	125-130
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-64	62-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-86	65-70

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 21-JUL-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	107-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
JUNE	14	160.7	161.3	100%	5.34
	21	161.7	161.0	100%	5.12
	28	167.3	160.4	104%	5.37
JULY	5	145.3	160.9	90%	5.24
	12	161.8	160.4	101%	5.23
	19	159.1	160.8	99%	5.14
YEAR TO DATE	4463.5	4525.6	99%		
JULY	26	162.6			
AUGUST	2	162.7			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	07/26/03	07/19/03	% CHG	07/27/02	% CHG
Broilers	155,542	157,206*	-01	161,236*	-04
Cattle	722	746	-03	700*	+03
Hogs1	1,823	1,828	0	1,810*	+01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were unchanged on both light and heavy cannery when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the light to adequate offerings. The undertone was seasonal but generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-25 MAJORITY 23-24

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22-26 MAJORITY 25.5-26

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

29.5-36 MAJORITY 32.5-34

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

31-38 MAJORITY 34-36.5

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Values were unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings were fully adequate to usually ample for the light to moderate demand. Slaughter processors utilized a small portion of available spent fowl as the majority of birds went into rendering operations and other end users. Opinions of values were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	10-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Costs of disposal were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate, demand was light. Schedules were normal. Values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was mostly light and usually reported as at best fair. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Opinions on removal cost were unchanged and steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28 -JUL-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was only fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were usually adequate, but well cleared. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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